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For: A METHOD FOR EXTRACTING QUANTITATIVE  
INFORMATION RELATING TO AN INFLUENCE ON A  
CELLULAR RESPONSE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

February 5, 2002

Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

In the Specification

Please amend the first paragraph on page 1 in the 'Background of the Invention' Section to read as follows:

--Intracellular pathways are tightly regulated by a cascade of components that undergoes modulation in a temporally and spatially characteristic manner. Several disease states can be attributed to altered activity of individual signalling components (i.e. protein kinases, protein phosphatases, transcription factors). These components, therefore, render themselves as attractive targets for therapeutic intervention.—